

Help Your User Group Executive Help You!

Spring 2007 Vancouver SAS User Group Meeting

Agenda

Your User Group Executive

- Background
- How SAS Is Used
- Challenges Encountered When Using SAS

A Few Questions For The Audience

- Your input is needed!!!
- How do you use SAS?
- What topics are most relevant?

Lee Robson – Terasen Gas Inc.

Background:

- Forecasting Department of Terasen Gas Inc.
- SAS user for ~4 years, BASE SAS & Enterprise Guide
- Manage Customer Billing data, prepare 5-year Sales & Revenue Forecast (Use Rates, Customer Additions)

How I use SAS:

- Majority of work involves Proc SQL & Data functions
- Some regression analysis (linear and non-linear)

Frequent Challenges:

- Find various formats of dates can be confusing
- De-bugging
- Simply don't know how to do something

Mei Chong – BC Centre for Disease Control

Background:

- Epidemiology Services at BCCDC
- SAS user for ~4 years, BASE SAS and SAS/STATS, SAS/ETS (sometimes)

How I use SAS:

- Proc SQL, Proc transpose, Proc tabulate, Array, Macro, Proc for summary statistics, Proc for statistical modeling/testing

Frequent Challenges:

- De-bugging
- Don't know what function/proc to look for
- Graphs production

Lixiang Yan – UBC CHSPR

Background:

- Programmer/Analyst
- SAS user for ~4 years, BASE SAS

How I use SAS:

- Lookup Tables to Match Data
- Combining Data
- Formatting Data
- Macro Language and Data Functions

Frequent Challenges:

- To know how to speed up running SAS job for creating large datasets in Linux

Colleen M^cGahan – BC Cancer Agency

Background:

- Biotech Industry and Cancer Research
- SAS user for ~5 years, BASE SAS and SAS/STATS

How I use SAS:

- Manipulating data to enable statistical analyses. Procedures used are mainly for a variety of statistical analyses.

Frequent Challenges:

- Looking for ways to improve efficiencies

Your Executive Group:

- SAS is used in:
 - Statistical analysis of data
 - General manipulation of data

- Common Challenges
 - Efficiencies
 - Don't know what we don't know

- The Question is: Are we representative of you?

A Few Questions for You:

Background:

- What industries are represented here?
- How long have you been using SAS?
- Straight SAS vs Enterprise Guide?
- SAS Modules used?

Feedback from Evaluation Forms (looking for specifics):

- Efficiencies in working with large data sets
- SQL
- Logistic Regression
- SAS/STAT
- Reporting

THANK YOU !